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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

J. W. PARK et al.

Application No.: 09/742,302

Filed: December 22, 2000

For: EX-VESSEL CORE MELT RETENTION  
DEVICE PREVENTING MOLTEN CORE  
CONCRETE INTERACTION

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 8, 2003, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, the period of response to which extends to August 8, 2003, entry of the following Amendment is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.